

REMARKS

Claims 10-23 and 27 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 10-23 and 27 are allowed.

By this Amendment, the rejected claims 24-26 are canceled, leaving only the allowed claims 10-23 and 27 in this application. Thus, the application is in condition for allowance with the allowed claims 10-23 and 27.

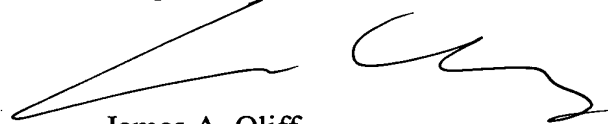
Applicant respectfully submits that the cancellation of claims 24-26 is for obtaining quick allowance of the application with the allowed claims, and is not for substantial reasons in connection with the applied references. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file a continuing application to further pursue the subject matter recited in claims 24-26.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration; and (c) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claim are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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